

Remarks

Support for the added language to the claims is found on page 8, line 14. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-19 of US Patent 6,767,974. Solely to expedite prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Nzudie et al., US Patent 6,774,176. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Nzudie discloses the use of a batch reactor in Examples 1, 2, and 3 (procedures for the preparation of the latex and the use of an anchor stirrer are indicative of a batch reactor). In contrast, the present claims are directed to the use of a continuous mode polymerization reactor which can accomplish a continuous mode of operation. As discussed on page 7, lines 30-33, of the present specification, the terms "continuous" and "batch" are used in their ordinary sense in the chemical arts to differentiate the two basic types of manufacturing processes. The use of a continuous mode polymerization reactor is not disclosed in Nzudie and is not obvious because emulsions are typically not stable enough for use with a continuous mode polymerization reactor. But applicants' miniemulsion is stable enough for use with a continuous mode polymerization reactor. Thus, the use of a continuous mode polymerization reactor in the present process is a significant and unexpected advantage which renders the present claims patentable over Nzudie.

The undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In view of the foregoing; the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-4292, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,



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